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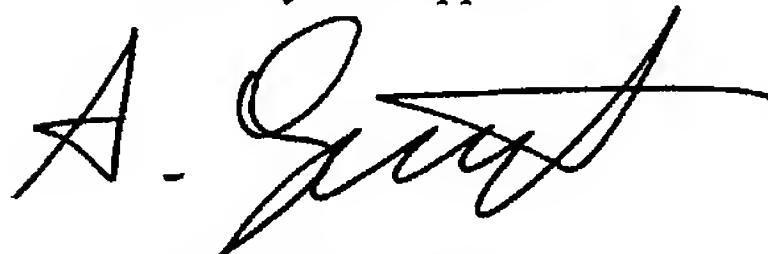
<u>Foreign Patent</u>	<u>U.S. /English Equivalent</u>
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